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This story is about
Ned and Nat,



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a fairy



and a sausage.



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Ned and Nat were
hungry.



They were
always hungry.

Ned worked in
the fields.



One day, he helped
a fairy.



“Thank you. Have three wishes,” said the fairy.



Ned ran home.



“Nat! We have three wishes!” he shouted.



“Ooh!” said Nat.
“I wish for...”



“A sausage!” said Ned.



“A sausage?” said Nat.
“What a silly wish.”

You fool!

But I'm
hungry!

Ned was cross.



“I wish the sausage was
on the end of your nose!”



And it was.

Aaggh!
NED...



Nat was
very,
very,
very cross.



“Oops!” said Ned.



“Ned!” wailed Nat.
“Do something!”



“I wish the sausage was
off your nose,” said Ned.



And it was.

“Now we have no wishes,” said Nat.



“But we do have a sausage!” said Ned.



PUZZLES

Puzzle 1

Can you help Ned and the
fairy spot the differences?
There are 6 to find.



Puzzle 2

Can you put the pictures in the right order?

A



B



C



D



E



Puzzle 3

Match the words to the picture.



plate Ned table Nat cup
mouse sausage sunflower



Answers to puzzles

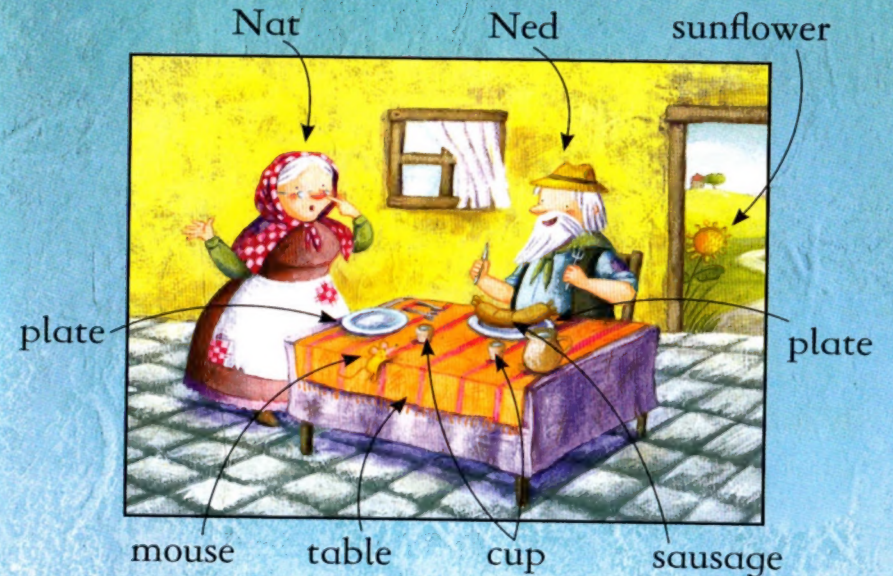
Puzzle 1



Puzzle 2



Puzzle 3



About The Three Wishes



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